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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER
FRYDENLUND ON KOREA

1. AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW OF THE VOTING SITUATION IN NEW YORK DEPARTMENT HAS CONCLUDED THAT DEFEAT OF ALGERIAN RESOLUTION IS POSSIBLE IF OUR FRIENDS CURRENTLY PLANNING TO ABSTAIN WILL VOTE AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION. THE SECRETARY HAS AUTHORIZED AN APPROACH TO A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WHERE THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS IT APPROPRIATE TO MAKE SUCH A REQUEST. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THAT STRONG REPRESENTATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE TO GON BUT CONSIDERS THAT IN VIEW OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS VOTE TO US INTEREST IN NE ASIA THE FOREIGN MINISTER SHOULD BE ASKED TO INSTRUCT THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION AT NEW YORK TO VOTE AGAINST THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION. ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER:

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BEGIN TEXT: DEAR KNUT

I ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH YOU IN NEW YORK AND
EXCHANGE VIEWS. ONE OF THE SUBJECTS WE DISCUSSED WAS THE

COMING DEBATE IN THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE KOREAN
ITEM. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE TO THE UNITED STATES
BECAUSE IT AFFECTS THE SECURITY OF AN AREA WHERE THE
UNITED STATES HAS TROOPS AND MAJOR DEFENSE COMMITMENTS.
WHEN WE TALKED IT WAS QUITE CLEAR THAT YOU WISHED TO
ABSTAIN ON THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION. SINCE WE TALKED THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS CONDUCTED A CAREFUL REVIEW AND
HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE MARGIN OF SUPPORT FOR THE ALGERIAN
RESOLUTION IS SUFFICIENTLY NARROW THAT IT CAN BE DEFEATED
IF SEVERAL FRIENDLY STATES NOW PLANNING TO ABSTAIN WOULD
VOTE AGAINST THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION.

BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER TO US I AM
ASKING THAT THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT RECONSIDER ITS
POSITION AND, IF ITS VOTE SHOULD BE NECESSARY TO DEFEAT
THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION, TO VOTE AGAINST IT. I SUGGEST
THAT OUR DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK MAINTAIN CLOSE
COMMUNICATION DURING THE DEBATE ON KOREA AND THAT YOUR
DELEGATION BE AUTHORIZED TO CAST A NEGATIVE VOTE IF THIS
IS NECESSARY. YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE IS IMPORTANT TO
ME AND I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP. WARM
REGARDS, HENRY.

END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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